

Faculty Only Forum held on the NSU Broken Arrow campus on 21 January 2009 at 3:00 PM

The following items were discussed by Craig Clifford, President of the FC, and BA faculty members –

- After opening remarks, President Clifford solicited comments on three initial topics; the weather policy, study days, and uncapping enrollment of on-line classes
- This last topic generated discussion on difficulties of graduate assistants having access to material necessary to assist in the administration of on-line classes
- Further discussion about on-line classes dealt with the disparity arising with face-to-face classes and on-line offerings; why NSU is not advertising its offerings, both on-line and traditional; and that we should try to have better representation at TCC to recruit and facilitate transfers as BA relies on TCC transfers
- The issue of Study Days was discussed with the point made that BA classes are different than Tahlequah classes in that missing one class is equal to missing a week of class time and disrupts the continuity of teaching
- A question was raised about the antiquated nature of OSAGE and President Clifford said that ORACLE is scheduled to be implemented this spring
- Discussion on problems advising students was generated with points made about the lack of training for new faculty and the need for both modernizing computer aided advising tools (OSAGE v. ORACLE) and having resources available to aid in comparing out of state course credits and Associate degrees
- Discussion was also had on withdrawing students from classes and several faculty members expressed their success with the withdrawal practice started this semester
- Inclement weather policy was discussed with suggestion made for allowing BA administrators greater leeway in determining when to close the campus rather than relying on Tahlequah administrators; additionally it was asked that in revising the policy that when to take action is made

earlier than outlined as well as defining who is “essential personnel” in their directives

- Smoking areas on campus was discussed and the issue of having to walk through a group of smokers in order to reach the doors of buildings seems to defeat the purpose of avoiding smoke by non-smokers; it was asked that the university administration consider making the entire campus a smoke free environment
- Office hours and when they are supposed to be was also discussed with pointing out that the Faculty Handbook stating office hours are Monday through Friday and as BA has very few classes on Fridays, revisions should be made in the policy allowing for flexibility on when faculty should have office hours

President Clifford then asked for any additional input and when none was offered by the present faculty members, he concluded the forum at 4:05 PM.